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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Fellow FCC Commissioners,

Given the history of T-Mobile and its tumultuous relationship with its workers, we are pleased to see that AT&T has made an offer to buy the company. As a representative of the Montana Service Employees International Union (SEIU), I wish to express our support for this merger and ask you to support it as well.

As the only unionized wireless carrier, AT&T is known as a company that has a professional relationship with its unions and is fair and neutral when it comes to workers who wish to organize. T-Mobile's 20,000 employees will find a welcoming environment where they are treated respectfully and can organize without fear.

At the same time, this merger will result in improved customer service, as AT&T will be better able to meet the growing desire of its customers to use smartphones and laptops for wireless communications. AT&T has committed an additional eight billion dollars to build its next-generation 4G LTE network and says it will reach virtually everyone in the country. In a state like Montana, with lots of wide-open land, we need a top-tier wireless network to stay competitive.

This merger appears to be a winning proposition, and we hope that you will be quick to endorse it. T-Mobile's workers will find respect and dignity in the workplace, and Montana's residents will benefit from more comprehensive Internet services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacquie Helt".

Jacquie Helt
State Director
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